

OUR THREE UMPIRES.

The Men Who Are to Control the Destiny of the State League.

BETTS HAS EXCELLENT AIDS.

Personnel of the Portsmouth Club—The "Irishmen" Hope to Land the Pennant This Season—Some of Norfolk's Players.

The time for balls and strikes to be sung out in loud tones at West-End Park is now fast approaching, and before two more weeks have rolled by the players will all be in the city ready for the fray.

The many friends of the old players are growing more and more anxious to see their favorites again, while the curiosity of all lovers of the game is now excited to see what the new men look like. Some may be like Caylor's description of "Reddy" Foster, "not much on the handsome," but they are all good ball-players, so take away—and Jake knows.

One of the greatest features of this year in the Virginia League will be the appearance of competent umpires. Even Norfolk is satisfied, and is rejoicing over the prospect of the rowdiness so common to the national game being excluded this year by such excellent umpires as have been chosen.

The greatest care has been exercised this year in effecting a competent umpire corps and system. Higher salaries have been offered than ever before, and every precaution taken to secure men to preserve the dignity and order so essential to the enjoyment of the game.

The league managers, at their meeting here on February 11th, wisely selected Mr. William G. Betts as chief of umpires, and he in turn has been equally as successful in choosing his two associate umpires.

Mr. Betts, though exercising entire control over the other two umpires, will officiate in one game each day himself, completing the staff of three required in the games scheduled each day in different cities.

Mr. Betts has the employment of disinterested umpires who should prove unsatisfactory, and has also general supervision over their work.

THE CHIEF'S CAREER.

The chief of umpires was born in Washington in 1861, and is 2 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 185 pounds, and has been an umpire for the past ten years. For several years he umpired crack games in and around Washington, New Jersey, and Baltimore, and was in demand.

In 1887 he umpired in the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, officiating in the championship games between Detroit, New Jersey, and Baltimore. He was also in demand for the following year on the staff of umpires in the Amateur Athletic Union.

In 1888 he umpired in the Virginia League, but resigned his position to accept better terms with the Oil and Iron League in Pennsylvania.

In August of the next year he was appointed an umpire of the National League by President Nick Young, where he remained for the remainder of the season. He was re-engaged in 1890 by the National League, and remained until June, when he resigned to enter the tobacco and news business in Washington, D. C.

He did not intend entering baseball again, but like hundreds of others, the game had a strong hold on him, and after repeated requests his infatuation got the best of him, and he was persuaded to return.

His work of the season, and also the reputation, was of a high standard. The prompt and impartial manner in which he officiated won for him many staunch supporters in the ranks of the game, and he became generally known that he would be one of the umpires in 1896, and also have full charge of the umpire business in general.

REMEDY THE EVIL.

This will be a great measure remedy the evil which has existed for the past two seasons—that of having an official located in one of the cities of the league without salary. No matter how much the league is benefited, there would, and should be, no salary for the official, who would find occasion to harshly criticize his efforts. In the case of Mr. Betts it will be different with any particular club, but he desires to have the league become a success in every way, for the greater the success of the association the greater will be his reputation in connection with the game.

Mr. Betts has now to work in the profession, for he has announced that he will have none but capable men, of good habits, as umpires.

THE TWO ASSISTANTS.

As his assistants he has secured the able services of George Wood, a ball-player of national reputation, and a player of great reputation, as he is a famous base-ballist. He was born in Boston, Mass., in 1853, and after playing semi-professional ball in Iowa and Wisconsin, he signed with the Detroit team in 1882, and remained with that club until 1888, when he went with the Philadelphia club, where he played until 1890.

During the winter of 1888 he played the base for the All America team, on the famous trip around the world, with the Chicago team. It will be remembered that this team was composed of representatives from all the National League teams, and was managed by Johnny Ward, of New York.

Captain Anson managed the Chicago, and games were played by the two teams in Australia, Egypt, Italy, France, and Great Britain. In 1891 Wood managed the team in the Athletics, of Philadelphia, and was with the Cincinnati in 1892.

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CAREER OF CLINE.

Edward M. Cline, the third member of the umpire corps, is another old ball-player of great reputation, and an umpire of the very highest endorsements. In fact, so very flattering are his recommendations that President Nick Young has him for the "Big League," and he is the very first vacancy. Mr. Cline is no baby in size, standing 5 feet 11 inches, and tipping the scales at 233 pounds, so if he has anything to do with maintaining order he will be pretty apt to hold his own.

His career as a player was confined principally to western and southern leagues, in which his services as first base man of the highest order. In 1881 he umpired in the Northwestern League, in 1882 with the Illinois and Iowa League, in 1883 with the Southern League, in 1884 with the Western Association, and in 1885 with the Southern League again.

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in the Virginia League, and think it one of the strongest and most substantial minor leagues in the country. It is the strongest state league in the country."

The President of the "Big League" expressed himself as being much pleased with the success of this league, and complimented the Richmond manager in a most pleasing manner.

Mr. Bradley has now given up the idea of doubling the grandstand, and is going to erect six or eight private boxes on top instead.



CHIEF-OF-UMPIRES W. G. BETTS.

boxes on top instead. The whole row of seats to the left of the grandstand, however, have been raised, and present a much neater appearance.

This is a great addition, and will be a source of pleasure to every rooter who is accustomed to occupy the bleachers during the afternoons in the days of heat. Many other improvements are now in progress, and ere the season opens all will be in apple-of-eye order.

THE PORTSMOUTH TEAM.

The Portsmouth team, from all accounts, are well pleased with the fact that Lefty Marr has secured for them, and they think down there that the pennant will float among the sea breezes next fall.

Pat Rollins, their catcher, stands 5 feet 9 inches in height, weighs 230 pounds, and has a batting average of .501 and a fielding average of .956. Paul Jones, second catcher, stands 5 feet 11 inches in height, weighs 165, has a batting average of .297, and a fielding average of .923. Lefty Marr, first base, is 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds, has a batting average of .297, and a fielding average of .923.

John Hillman, short-stop, is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, has a batting average of .297, and a fielding average of .923. William Vought, left-field, is 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, has a batting average of .297, and a fielding average of .923.

William Vought, right-field, is 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, has a batting average of .297, and a fielding average of .923. Peter Hall, right-field (everybody knows Peter), stands 5 feet 11 inches in height, weighs 179 pounds, has a batting average of .297, and a fielding average of .923.

THE PITCHERS.

The pitchers are William Odwell, Joseph McNamara, William Hallman, William Brandt, and Peter White. Their batting fielding averages have not been sent in yet.

Hallman and Brandt were with the team last season. All know what they did, and they need no introduction. William Odwell, of New York State, is a corner, having made a great reputation last season. Out of twenty-eight games played he won twenty-five, the last five games striking out sixty-nine men. He is also a hard hitter, and averages two hits per game.

Joseph McNamara, of Colorado, is a new man in the East, but a stumbling block for the other clubs. The last eight games played he won them all.

Peter White, of Virginia, is strictly an umpire, though he never played in any league, consequently what he can do remains to be seen.

Pat Rollins, of Chambersburg, Pa., played on the Fall River (New England) team in 1895, and in 1894, Ga., in 1893; Frankfort, Ky., in 1894; did not play last year.

Charles (Lefty) Morr, of Cincinnati, played last year with Nashville (Southern League) as first base and captain. He is an old-timer, and a good man in every respect.

Joseph Rietman, of Cincinnati, played in Huntington, W. Va., in 1894 and 1895. Joseph Bourke, of Cincinnati, played with Evansville, of the Southern League, in 1895, and led the league as a third-baseman.

John Hellman, of Cincinnati, played in Charleston, W. Va., in 1893; Paris, Ky., in 1894, and Mayville, Ky., in 1895.

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NICK YOUNG COMPLIMENTS US.

Manager Wells went to Washington last week in the interests of the league, and, in speaking with President Young, the latter said: "I take the highest interest

will hold down second base. He was considered the best man in that position in the Southern League last season, having played with Memphis, and much is expected of him this year.

The outfield will be occupied by C. T. Meredith, who is particularly a heavy hitter and good coacher. He played with Lafayette, Ind., last season, and his reputation is of the best.

The outfield will be attended to by Tom Turner, Claude McFarlan, and Frank Redding. Turner, of last year's Petersburgs, is well-known here for his hitting qualities; McFarlan is one of the best run-getters in the Southern League, who comes from Louisville, is not only a good fielder and good run-getter, but is also a good utility man, being a good pitcher. Jack Thornton, a good player of last season's Norfolk, is here as a utility man.

A genuine race will take place in Jacksonville, with Stanhope, "Reddy" Foster, and Zearfoss as contestants, for a place as catcher on the New York team. As one of the three will be chosen, the competition promises to be very lively.

Virginia "fans" hope to see the Duke of Fulton win the place. Pop Tate has signed with Little Rock, of the Southern League.

THE OLD COMPANY'S VERSION.

Statement from Captain Guigon About the Track Company's Trouble.

In speaking last night of the trouble about the Seventh-street crossing, Mr. A. B. Guigon, assistant counsel for the Richmond Railway and Electric Company, remarked that his company's position in the matter was very plain and unequivocal, and that it would seem a difficult job to misunderstand or misrepresent it. "We have done everything we could," said Mr. Guigon, "to facilitate the traction company's work on its tracks, and even went so far as to offer some of our own tracks to be used as the traction company's new north track temporarily from Ninth to Laurel streets, while our northern track was building, so as to give the traction company immediate relief, because refused by the traction company, because it was feared that such a course would be contrary to the terms of their franchise. The trouble Friday night was that the traction company was proceeding illegally, and against the city engineer's order, to replace them with an insufficient and impracticable fixture, and this without any reference to or permission from the City Engineer, as required by the city ordinance, which says that any such work must be done by the city engineer, and the officers of the traction company cannot alter the facts."

ONE NEGRO CUTS ANOTHER.

Moses Chamberlain Hadly Used Up in a Difficulty with Fred Evans.

Last night shortly after 7 o'clock the ambulance, with Dr. Ladsberg in charge, was called to W. T. Saunders's drugstore, corner Brook Avenue and Leigh streets, to attend Moses Chamberlain, a negro man who was seriously cut on the head.

It seems that he and another negro named F. A. Evans were somewhat intoxicated, and when on Munford street between Leigh and Duval they came to a fight, and the result was that Chamberlain, when found, was lying on the pavement. He could remember nothing more than already related about the affair.

The ambulance physician examined his wounds, and found that the cut was a deep one, and that the bone was exposed. He had a gash about 4 inches long on his head, extending nearly to his ear, and three smaller cuts on the top of his head. His nose was entirely split open, and a slight cut was also found near the right eye.

Chamberlain was resting easily at an early hour this morning, but his condition was not then out of danger. He is an employee of the Virginia meat market, and the police were called to his assistance last night, but had not succeeded in locating the guilty man when last heard from.

To Receive the Bids.

The Auditorium Committee of the Executive Committee of the State Fair Association, for the Committee to receive bids to be held here the last of June will meet Tuesday night to receive bids for enlarging the Music Hall at the Exposition Grounds. It is expected that the contract will be given out without any delay, and that the work will be at once commenced.

The following Advisory Committee has been appointed to act with General Peyton Wise, architect: E. V. Randolph, Thomas A. Brander, John Murphy, and James H. Boyd. This committee will meet at the Mechanics' Institute on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Samuels.

Mrs. Nancy Samuels, an aged white woman, who lived at No. 1908 east Main street, dropped dead last night about half-past 10 o'clock. Corner Taylor was summoned, and viewed the remains. He pronounced her deceased. She was the wife of Thomas Samuels, who is a cooper by trade. The husband said he had been out of employment for several months, and had no means with which to bury his wife. The coroner will give the husband until Monday to arrange for her burial, and if he is unable to do so the city will bury her.

City Council News Items.

The Board of Aldermen will hold a regular business session on Tuesday night. The Committee on Relief of the Poor will meet at the City Hall to-morrow afternoon at 6:30 P. M., and will proceed to the city almshouse for the transaction of the usual monthly business.

When the case of John R. Grimes comes up before the City Council next Thursday night, he will be represented by the Hon. George D. Wise, B. Munford, and Joseph T. Lawless, all of whom, it is said, have tendered their services to Mr. Grimes gratis.

Prospects for Building.

The prospects for building Mr. Daugherty's new church in Fulton seem to be very bright. Mr. and Mrs. Young, of New York, who have been assisting in the revival meetings, which Mr. Daugherty has been carrying on for some time, have contributed \$50 to the building fund, while about \$50 has been subscribed in small sums. It is understood that the large lot on which the church is to be built was given by Dr. R. L. Reams, and his brother, Mr. H. S. Reams.

New Confederate Camp.

Captain Thomas Elliott yesterday granted a charter to the Myers-Ridderbide Camp of Confederate Veterans of Edinburg, Shenandoah county. R. M. Lantz is the commander of this camp, and J. B. Sheffer is adjutant.

Hardman Call at Once.

Big Harman. Call at once. RICHMOND MUSIC COMPANY, 213 east Broad.

John F. Ewig.

Importer and Tailor. Spring Goods ready for inspection.

There is a better cure for Coughs and Throat and Lung Troubles, Croupy Children, and Hacking Coughs than Dr. David's Cough Syrup we never saw it.

Spring and Summer, 1896.

My importations of Woollens for Spring and Summer are more varied than usual. I beg to announce their arrival, and ask the favor of your early inspection.

JOHN F. EWIG, 101 east Main.

Do You Want a Piano?

Do you ever expect to own one? Now is the time to get a Piano and save big money. We have a magnificent, Upright Weber Piano we will sell at cost. A lovely \$200 Piano, good as new, for \$175. A few fine Upright Pianos at very low prices, and Second-Hand Square Pianos and new Organs at your own price and terms.

HUME-MINOR COMPANY, Broad st., between Sixth and Seventh.

Herewith my best congratulations to the brewmaster of the "HOME BECK BEER," as it is the finest of the season, and certainly will find its equal in the market, as it contains everything that choice barley malt and hops can produce. I am saying this as a practical brewer, and a graduate from a German brewing and wine academy, and therefore most wish my colleague, Mr. Meyer, the maker of the finest Beck Beer of the season, all the success he deserves.

A. SCHWANE, 400 east Broad street.

Beautiful Display of New Carpets (at Auction).

J. H. Valentine will sell at his salesroom, No. 6 west Broad street, Monday, at 10:30 A. M., a very choice collection of new Carpets, Art Squares, Druggists, etc., of the very best quality, all sizes, and desirable patterns. As a complement to the ladies attending this sale, he will have his room handsomely decorated with cut-glass, palm, wax plants, singing birds, etc.

Pianos.

We carry always in stock the finest makes. Look at the list—Steinway, Hardman, Kimball, and others. Our prices are the lowest. We cannot be undersold. All communications promptly answered.

WALTER D. MOSES & CO., 106 Main street.

Gift Shoe Sale.

Commencing to-morrow, the Economy Shoe-Store, of 31 east Broad street, will inaugurate a special gift sale, and continue each week until further notice, and will be seen by advertisement elsewhere.

A Bargain.

We have been asked to sell for a customer a Fine Upright Piano, used less than five months, as good as new, at a great sacrifice. Call or write.

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Law Lectures.

Commencing next Monday, at 6 P. M., Professor John B. Minor, Jr., will deliver before the law classes of Richmond College a course of about fifty lectures on Criminal Law and Criminology. My course has been taken at Richmond College since 1890, are invited to attend the lectures free of charge. Other persons who desire to take the course will be charged a fee of \$2. For further information address President P. W. Bostwright.

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"Sunshine of Paradise Alley."

"Only one Girl in the World for Me," "Patience," "Pride of the Bell," and all popular songs reduced to 25 and 50c. during this week. Special bargains in Music. RICHMOND MUSIC CO., 213 east Broad.

Piano Tuning! Piano Tuning!

Our tuners have highly pleased the leading teachers and the finest concert-players we have recently had in the city. The endorsement of their work is absolute. We ask the public to leave their orders with us. We make special rates to our former patrons. Remember, we have removed to No. 119 east Broad-street, the third door from the corner of Second street. MAX B. RAMOS & CO.

\$87.50.

Beautiful 7-Octave Piano, good as new, just \$87.50. Call early. RICHMOND MUSIC COMPANY.

2 Car-Loads

of latest style Pianos just received. Call and examine them. RICHMOND MUSIC COMPANY, 213 east Broad.

Pianos at Cost.

Hume-Minor Company, 69 Broad, are selling the great Weber Pianos at cost. Now is your time to get a Piano at the lowest price, made at a very low price.

We have a lot of Organs on hand, which we will sell this week at one fourth usual prices. \$25 each all we ask; former prices \$75 and \$100. CHASE BROTHERS PIANO CO., 805 east Main street.

"Who Stole My Purse?"

E. T. Paul to Locate in New York City.

This will necessitate a business change in the Sheet-Music Department of the Richmond Music Company. Everything is to be sold at a sacrifice in the line of Sheet-Music, Banjos, Guitars, Mandolins, etc. Now is the time to secure great bargains in these instruments; 500 Sousa marches for sale at 25 and 50c. Sold everywhere all over the country at 40 and 50c. Mandolins from \$3.50 up. Banjos, \$2 up. Solid Mahogany Guitars, worth \$15 and \$18, go now for \$8. We have the celebrated Stewart & Dobson Banjos, Bruno Mandolins, and Guitars; 5,000 copies of the latest Copyright Music, 50c. pieces for 25c.; 40c. pieces for 15c. We have 20,000 copies of Music at 15c. a copy; other special late hits at half price. Call during the coming week, and secure great bargains in everything pertaining to Music, at Richmond Music Company, 213 east Broad street.

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No use losing time and money buying cheap, small instruments. The Washington is the best, and you always get your money's worth. We are sole agents.

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"Della Fox," "Honey-Moon," "Douglass Club," and hundreds of other pieces, 25 and 50c. this week, special sale of Music. Must reduce stock at Richmond Music Co.'s, 213 east Broad.

We have on hand a few new Prayer-Books, Family Bibles, Good News, Leather Cases, etc., which we are closing out at a great sacrifice for cash. Call and look at them at once.

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at 20 and 50c., at Richmond Music Co.'s, 213 east Broad street.

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A RELIABLE MAN TO LAUNDRESS for a small family at country home. Good wages and home assured. If married, can give husband employment. Address W. H. ADAMS, Mineral City, Pa. mh 8-11

A FIRST-CLASS MILLINERY SALES-Lady. Apply to Mrs. B. W. COSBY, 37 east Broad street. mh 8-11

A GOOD MIDDLE-AGED WHITE WOMAN to go out about five miles in the country to cook and keep house for a family of three. Address R. H. DICKINSON, 101 east Broad street. mh 8-11

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EVERYBODY TO KNOW THAT WE sell Eggs for hatching of all varieties, of Fancy Chickens, Ducks, and Geese. We have just received a lot of Very Fine Chameleons. Anybody wishing same will please call early at 119 east Broad street. Address: "THE ASSOCIATED BIRD-STORE," mh 8-11

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